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**Newsletter for the weeks commencing 21st/22nd and 28th/29th December Year (A)**

**Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd December**

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Psalm 23 Response:**  6pm Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The psalm for Sunday’s Masses will be on a separate sheet given out with the hymnbooks

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7**

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

At the 1030 Mass, during Holy Communion the choir sing "Virgin-born, we bow before thee" by Louis Bourgeois

**Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th December**

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 1:2-6, 12-14**

**Psalm 127 Response:**  O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21**

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

At the 1030 Mass, during Holy Communion the choir sing the carol*Gaudete (Piae Cantiones 1582)*

**Father John writes:**

Remember your childhood –apart from the excitement over presents, you probably gazed with big wide eyes at the Crib. We were told that the little baby in the straw was the Son of God made man. In the silence of this scene, our sense of awe and wonder increased. May we open our hearts this Christmas night, or Christmas morning, and rediscover some of that profound sense of mystery.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Jo Bailey(104 Years old)

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne and Sue Goodman

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Norah Wrigley, Joan Gray, Mary Hounsell, Joanna Powell, Mary Stevenson, Rosina Cordell, Richard Diedo, Liz Goodwin, Terry Schouten, Freda Budd, Rose Mount, Mary Anne Simmons, Bill Norman-Taylor, Mary Bly, Brian Leo Barrett, Moya Crofton, Anthony Whately, Joseph Davis, Martin Vickers, Gloria Woods and Helen Miller.

Events

The Newsletter Team wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

This newsletter covers the two weekends either side of Christmas. Please remember that all the offerings at the Christmas Masses are your personal gift to the parish priest. If you are a Gift Aider do use your numbered envelope and, if donating by cheque, please make it payable to 'St. Andrew's Church’

**Please note:** Choir practice next week will be on **Monday 23rd December** and is now at 6.30pm. There will be **no choir on 31st December**.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** A beautiful way to celebrate Christmas is by following a sung service from a great abbey or cathedral. New Pilgrim Path features two magnificent online services for Christmas week:  Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist from Washington’s Episcopalian National Cathedral, and Midnight Mass from the Benedictines of Buckfast Abbey, in Devon, England. You can access both at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Services

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 21st December | Feria | Sacrament of Reconciliation 10am - 11am  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 22nd December | Fourth Sunday of Advent | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 23rd December | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 24th December | Christmas Eve | Sacrament of Reconciliation 12midday -1pm and 3pm – 3.30pm  9.45pm Carols and music  10:00pm Mass First Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity |
| Wednesday | 25th December | The Nativity of the Lord | 8.30am Mass  10.30am Mass |
| Thursday | 26th December | St Stephen, the first Martyr | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 27th December | St John, Apostle | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 28th December | The Holy Innocents | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 29th December | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 30th December | Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 31st December | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 1st January 2020 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 2nd January 2020 |  | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 3rd January 2020 |  | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 4th January 2020 |  | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 5th January | The Epiphany of the Lord | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Responsibilities: 24th/25th December**

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|  | Midnight | 8.30am | 10.30am |
| **Reader** | Pat S | Suzanne V | Chris L |

**Responsibilities: 28th/29th December 2019**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles O | Nick C | Lynton A |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Allan Shipton  Maria Milton | Kathleen Bishop  Martin Heinrichsmeier |
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**Responsibilities: 4th/5th January 2020**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Pat S | Nick C | Kevin T |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Michael Payne | Chris Leahy  Collette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** |  | **Cleaners** | - |